

Mission Pod Report – April 2023

The Mission Pod consists of Ministry Teams and Partners of our Presbytery: Bdecan Ministry Team, Chogoria Partnership, Youth Connection, Clearwater Forest Camp, University of Jamestown, SDOP, and Presbyterian Woman. These groups received monies to support their ministries from your Unified Mission dollars that your churches send to the Presbytery each year. These dollars have continued to dwindle as your church offerings have done the same thing.

These groups have used your Unified Mission dollars in constructive and life changing ways.

Bdecan Ministry Team has used the dollars over the last 13 years to support the food pantry at Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the Spirit Lake Reservation to feed upwards of 100 people during the ups and downs of economy. During the pandemic, the food pantry at Bdecan provided much needed food, paper products, and personal items as well as used clothing to many families while people were without work due to the service industry basically shut down. To learn more, check out www.bdecanchurch.com.

Chogoria Partnership has done marvelous things in Chogoria, Kenya, Africa by building a school. Recently raising money to help transport water to the school to help the school irrigate to help the school raise food. The children and adults in this area have often struggled to have enough food during droughts and also downward economic swings.

Youth Connection Team uses your dollars for youth retreats and mission trips for Presbytery's jr high and high school youth. These have been life changing events for our youth.

Presbytery is a 1/5 owner of Clearwater Forest Camp and they count on the dollars we donate to operate each year to provide camp and retreat experiences for all ages. For more information go to www.clearwaterforest.org.

University of Jamestown is the only Presbyterian College within the bound of Presbytery of Northern Plains. Your unified mission dollars have gone to Campus Ministry to support their many programs of ministry for college age students.

SDOP, Self Development of People, group works with PCUSA SDOP to enter into partnerships with community groups of low-income people that want to change their lives and communities. Our local group helps groups to write and receive grants from our national organization. To learn more, go to presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop.

Presbyterian Women receives no money from Presbytery as it is an entity that stands by itself. They are part of the Mission Pod to offer support in many ways to all the groups.

Bdecan Ministry Team, Chogoria Partnership, Youth Connection, and SDOP are always looking for more people to serve on their teams to help do the work of Jesus. These groups are truly the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing the Good News and providing for those less fortunate. Consider helping either financially or by volunteering.

Blessings, Donna Preston, Mission Pod Leader